

The Public Transit Section (PTS) of the Multi-Modal Division at INDOT functions as the grant administrator for federal transit programs. It also administers the Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF), the state sales tax-funded program to assist established public transit systems; and works with local governments in planning and pursuing public transit systems in cities, towns and counties throughout Indiana.

Transit Programs

Metropolitan Planning Program (Fed Transit Administration Section 5303)

This federal **planning and technical studies** program is available to the 12 designated metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in Indiana's urbanized areas (>50,000 population). The Section 5303 Program assists the MPOs in developing short and long-range transportation plans that must include transit as a component.

Approximate funding is \$600,000 annually.

State Planning and Research Program (FTA Section 5313(b))

These funds are apportioned to states for **planning and technical studies** as well as demonstrations, management training, and cooperative research. INDOT may authorize a portion of these funds to supplement the Section 5303 funds allocated to urbanized areas.

Approximate funding is \$150,000 annually.

Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program (FTA Section 5310)

This federal program provides **capital assistance** to private non-profit organizations and eligible public bodies that deliver special transportation service to elderly and/or persons with disabilities. **Figure 1** is a photograph of the 1000th Transit Vehicle purchased in 2000 for a social service agency in southern Indiana.

Approximate funding is \$1.3 million annually.

Public Transit Quick Facts



- In 2000 there were 43 publicly funded systems in Indiana
- Nearly 80,000 passenger trips are provided each day in the state
- 56 percent of Indiana's residents have access to a public transit system
- Every \$1 invested in transit results in an economic return of \$1.38
- A single person commuting via transit, as opposed to driving, will save 2000 gallons of gas per year
- Transit relieves traffic congestion, energy consumption and air pollution



Figure 1

Rural Transit Program (Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program - FTA Section 5311)

This formula program for small urban and rural areas (<50,000 population) supports public transit systems by providing funding for feasibility studies, capital and operating assistance, and inter-city routes. Public systems annually apply and receive funding through the Indiana Department of Transportation's PTS. Since 1997, this program has added six new public transit systems, and PTS is working with local governments to add another 10 counties in 2001.

Approximate funding is \$4 million annually.

Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) (FTA Section 5311(b)(2))

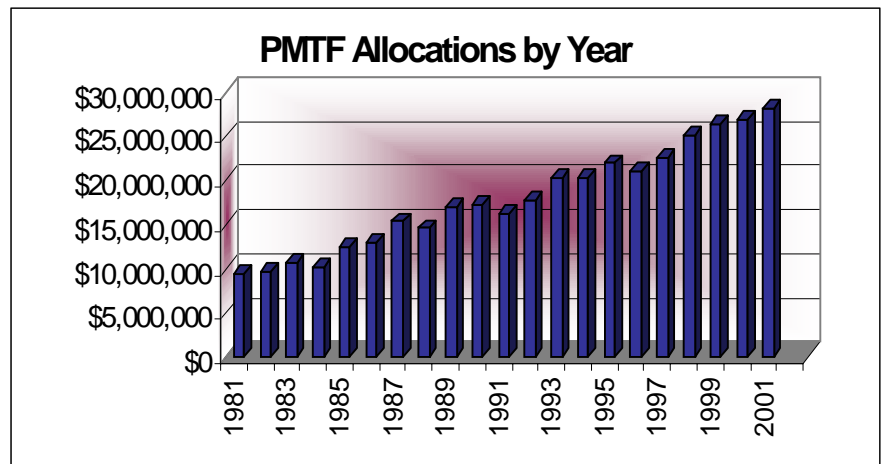
This program is provided through the Institute for Urban Transportation at Indiana University in Bloomington. **Technical assistance** is provided to rural public and specialized transit providers throughout the state.

Approximate funding is over \$100,000 annually.

Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF)

The PMTF is a state-dedicated transit fund generated from 0.76% of general sales tax revenues, subject to legislative appropriation. This program is designed to match federal and/or local funding for both **operating and capital projects** for public transportation providers in the state.

Figure 2 shows that annual funding has ranged from less than \$10 million in 1981 to currently over \$28 million.



Source: INDOT's Public Transit Section

Figure 2

Transit Operating Statistics

Total Vehicle Miles

The following chart (**Figure 3**) shows the increase in total vehicle miles traveled for all public transit vehicles in the state from 1998 to 1999.

Total Vehicle Miles (VMT)			
	VMT 1998	VMT 1999	% Change
Total All Indiana Public Transit Systems	29,458,469	31,001,635	5.24%

Figure 3

Ridership

Ridership (**Figure 4**) also increased statewide for the same years.

Ridership				
Indiana Public Transit Systems	1998 Ridership	1999 Ridership	% Change	1999 Ridership (per capita)
	\$28,383,236	\$30,312,538	6.80%	9.24

Figure 4

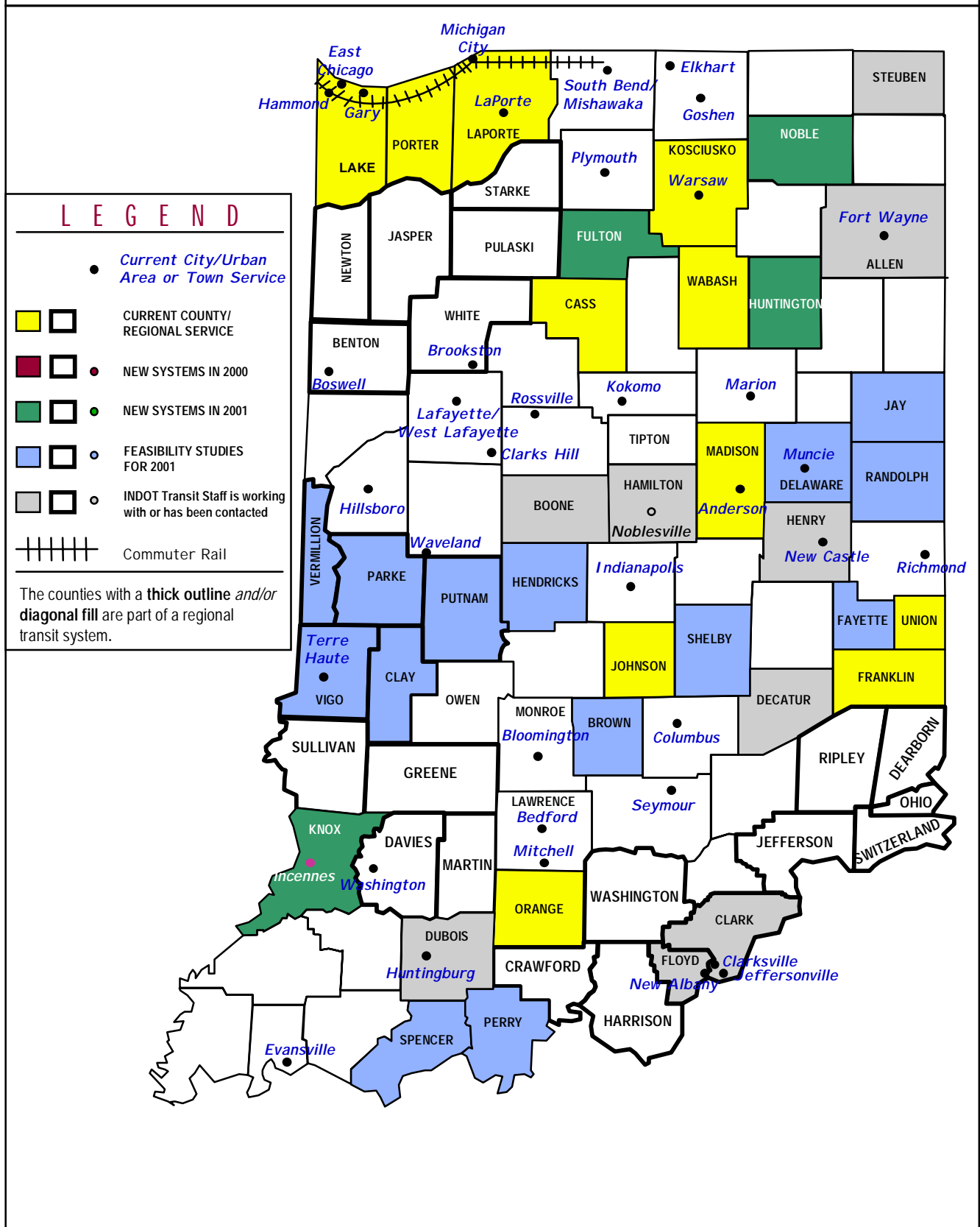
Funding

Public transit systems in Indiana receive the largest share of their assistance from local sources. In addition to the funding from federal, state, and local governments (**Figure 5**), passenger fares continue to cover 25% - 30% of transit operating revenue in the state.

Year	Federal	State	Local
1994	\$18.7	\$20.4	\$22.3
1995	\$17.4	\$22.0	\$24.2
1996	\$13.8	\$21.0	\$28.9
1997	\$15.2	\$22.7	\$27.8
1998	\$13.1	\$25.2	\$27.8
1999	\$21.1	\$26.3	\$28.3

Figure 5

Status of Public Transit in Indiana - July 2000



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